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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 26, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on February 26, 2005, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0409/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper. page 2 of this paper.

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